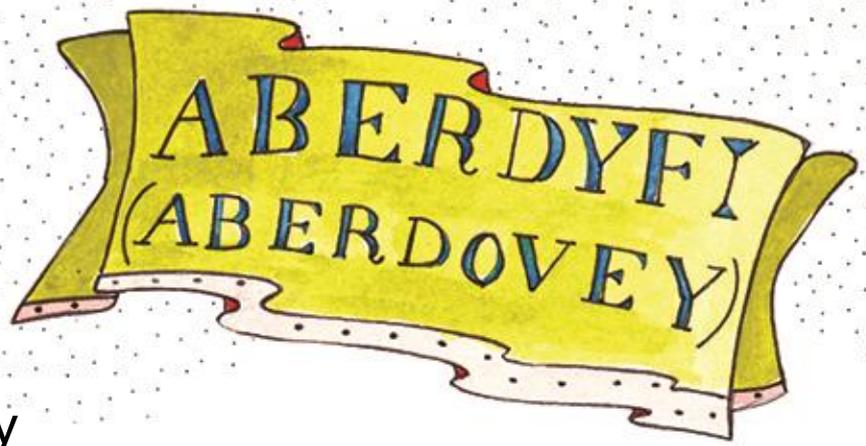


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## Councillor Vacancy

We are sorry to report that James Bradbury-Willis has stepped down from being a councillor and we would like to say a huge thank you to him for all the work he has done in his time on the Council. The Community Council will not be seeking to co-opt a new councillor at this time, as there are elections in May, when all the councillors will need to apply for their posts once more. This will be a great chance to become more involved in your community by standing as a councillor – why not apply? An election will only be called if more than 11 people apply, otherwise everyone who applies will automatically be elected to the council. If you would like to know more about what is involved in being a councillor, please contact the clerk, Sandy, on 767816 or email [aberdyfiecouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:aberdyfiecouncil@btconnect.com). More information about the elections and how to apply will be posted closer to the time.

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## Rail closure

A reminder that the rail line between Machynlleth and Pwllheli will be closed until 12<sup>th</sup> December to allow renovation work to continue on Barmouth bridge. Buses will replace trains during this time.

## Road Closure

There will be traffic lights between Nyth Robin and Smuggler's Cove from 4<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October the whole road will be closed between 8am Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October and 8pm Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, with diversions in place via Tallylyn. This will no doubt cause a significant amount of disruption, so please plan your travels carefully or consider moving them to a different date.

## Consultation on local taxes for 2<sup>nd</sup> homes

The Welsh Government is conducting a consultation on local taxes on 2<sup>nd</sup> homes and self-catering accommodation, so if you would like to view the documents and give your opinion, go to <https://gov.wales/local-taxes-second-homes-and-self-catering-accommodation>. Comments need to be submitted by 17<sup>th</sup> November.

## Advent windows

The Christmas spirit will be alive and well again in Aberdyfi this year as it is transformed into a Living Advent Calendar. Following on from the success of last year 24 Windows will be decorated with Festive scenes and numbered. This village event gives us a Countdown to Christmas. Each evening from the 1st December a new Window will be lit until all Windows are on show on Christmas Eve.

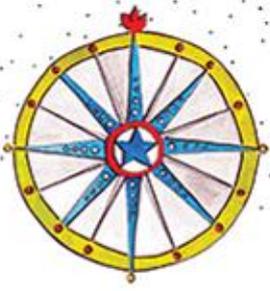
If you would like to be part of this festive village celebration please contact Alison Sayes as soon as possible on 767474 in order for dates and windows to be confirmed.

## Consultation on dangerous use of personal watercraft

As you are no doubt aware, we have had several problems with the dangerous use of watercraft like jet skis in Aberdyfi in the past. The UK Government are currently consulting on the dangerous use of these and are encouraging everyone to have their say, so please respond to the consultation and make your views known:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/strengthening-enforcement-of-the-dangerous-use-of-recreational-and-personal-watercraft>





## Speech & Language services feedback wanted

The North Wales Community Health Council (NWCHC) is keen to hear from people who have experience of Speech and Language Therapy services in North Wales. Patients, carers and their families are invited to give their feedback. Sessions in Tywyn will be on 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10am, 1.30pm and 4pm. Please contact the NWCHC on 01248 679284 or email [yourvoice@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:yourvoice@wales.nhs.uk) to book your place or for further information.

## Did You Know?

The word 'penguin' is thought to come from the Welsh 'pen gwyn' – white head! The name originally applied to the great auk (now extinct) of the seas around Newfoundland in Canada, and may have come from the Welsh *pen gwyn*, meaning 'white head' (or a similar phrase in the Breton or Cornish languages). In the logbook of the Golden Hind, which sailed around the world in 1577–80, there is a reference to a 'foule, which the Welsh men name Pengwin' that was seen in the Magellan Straight at the tip of South America. The sailors on the expedition may have mistaken penguins for great auks, or simply applied a term they knew to an unfamiliar bird: the great auk resembled a penguin in that it was a large flightless bird with black and white plumage that was adapted to life in freezing waters.



## Useful contacts

Tywyn Health Centre: 03000 843 200  
Community Connector service: Bethan Roberts 01341 424 572  
MIND helpline: 0300 123 3393, [info@mind.org.uk](mailto:info@mind.org.uk)  
Samaritans: 116 123, [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)  
Non-emergency police: 101  
NHS Advice and Out of Hours: 111

Tel: 01654 767816

[aberdyfiecouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:aberdyfiecouncil@btconnect.com)

[www.aberdyfi-council.wales](http://www.aberdyfi-council.wales)

## Where can I get healthcare help?

Doctor's surgeries are under a great deal of pressure at the moment, so please remember your local pharmacist can help. As qualified healthcare professionals, they can offer clinical advice and over-the-counter medicines for a range of minor illnesses, such as coughs, colds, sore throats, tummy trouble and aches and pains.

If symptoms suggest it's something more serious, pharmacists have the right training to make sure you get the help you need. For example they will tell you if you need to see a GP, nurse or other healthcare professional. All pharmacists train for 5 years in the use of medicines. They are also trained in managing minor illnesses and providing health and wellbeing advice.

If you have a minor injury such as sprains, cuts and grazes, scalds, something in your eye, insect bites and stings or minor head injuries you can visit a minor injuries unit. Tywyn minor injuries is currently closed due to staffing issues but it will be open again as soon as possible. Alternatively the minor injuries unit in Dolgellau and Machynlleth are open. (you will need to register as a temporary resident to be seen in Machynlleth as it is a different county)

## Community Drop-in Centre is now open weekly!

The new community drop-in centre is now up and running and will run every Friday 10.30am-2.30pm and everyone is welcome to pop in for a cuppa and a chat! The centre is run by volunteers and we will be running activities, depending on what people want, so do come along to the Neuadd Dyfi. Unlimited tea and coffee just £1! We want this to be a drop-in centre for the WHOLE community, so please tell us what you want to see included! Please contact Sandy for more information on 0779 0045445.